I.D. Act

2052. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry, by a notification dated 3rd July, 1998, has authorised the State Governments as appropriate Government u/s 39 of the I.D. Act in respect of 129 CPSUs;

(b) whether the Government of West Bengal under Act XXXIII of 1989 has made some amendments in the I.D. Act including Section 25(O) in its application to West Bengal;

(c) whether CPSUs in West Bengal complied with the amendments of the I.D. Act while seeking permission for closure;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether his Ministry, while granting permission, has taken into consideration the State amendments; and

(f) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) Yes, Sir. The powers have been delegated to the State Governments subject to the condition that the Central Govt. shall exercise all the powers under the said Act and rules made thereunder, as and when it considers it necessary to do so.

(b) to (f) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

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2053. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 580 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th July, 2001 and state:

(a) how much amount has been earmarked for EPFO for updating the organisation; and

(b) by when all the offices of EPFO are likely to be computerised?